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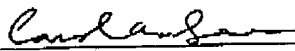
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Nathaniel T. Becker, et al.)

Group Art Unit: 1631

Serial No. 09/215,095)

Examiner: Borin, M.

Filed: December 18, 1998)

For: MATRIX GRANULE)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, finally rejecting all pending claims, please enter the instant amendment and consider the following comments.

In the Claims

Please replace claims 66, 78, 83, and 84 with a clean copy of the amended claims. A marked-up version of the amended claims is provided on a separate sheet attached hereto.

66.(Twice amended) A granule comprising,

- a) an individual seed particle;
- b) a protein matrix layered over the seed particle wherein said matrix includes a protein mixed together with a combination of a sugar or sugar alcohol and a polysaccharide structuring agent; and
- c) an outer barrier or coating.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2001, enclosed please find the following documents: Response After Final, Declaration of Nathaniel T. Becker, and Associate Power of Attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC507-2). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 17, 2001


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